

Local Parking Meter Problems Aired At Merchant Meeting

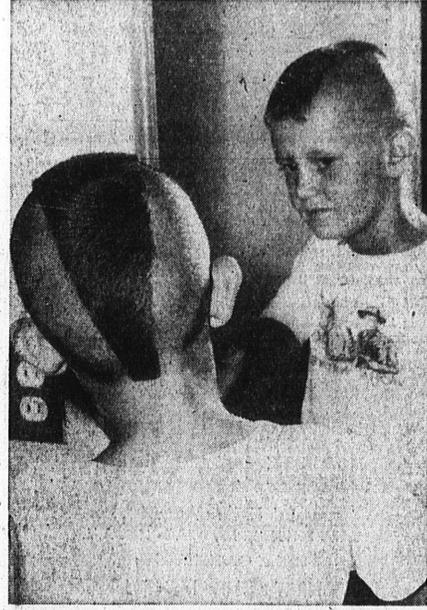
RESTAURANT STRIKE LOOMS; FORTY CAFES, BARS AFFECTED

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SCALPED . . . Lonnie Pence, Torrance Trailer Park, who likes to play cowboys and Indians, especially Indians, had his hair clipped Mohawk style recently "just for the fun of it."

Man, 37, Booked On Rape Charge

Charged with suspicion of statutory rape this week involving a 12-year-old Torrance girl is a 37-year-old Lomita father of two children. Out on \$500 bail after being booked by Torrance police Monday is Robert D. Crean, of 25217 Pennsylvania avenue. He will be arraigned before City Judge Otto B. Willett today. Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett picked up Crean after the girl's mother signed a complaint earlier this week.

Government Okays Steel For School

Approval from the Federal Security Administration was received this week by the Torrance Board of Education in answer to the Board's request for steel for use in the new Madrona Avenue Elementary School. The steel for the \$553,000 high school building program already has been allotted and construction on the project is well under way.

Bids for Widening Of Crenshaw Due

Another step in the completion of Crenshaw boulevard as a major highway from downtown Los Angeles to the ocean, via the Palos Verdes Hills, was taken this week, as plans were approved for the widening of a mile-long stretch of the busy roadway. Slated for resurfacing and widening is the thoroughfare between 190th and 174th streets. The project is to cost some \$35,000, and is to be completed by the end of October. A bid call was set for next Tuesday by the Torrance City Engineer's office. Meanwhile, the County Road Department is busy completing plans for final acquisition of property along the route of the artery. Crews are currently surveying land south of Pacific Coast highway, and bulldozers are tearing at the steep canyon sides north of Crest Road in Rolling Hills. The entire project is expected to be completed within five years.

Merchants Told Of Long Beach Meter Operation

Should parking meters be installed in the central traffic zone in the business district of Torrance? This was the chief topic of an hour and one-half session of the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday morning. Fourteen merchant members attended the meeting. J. H. Paget, president of the merchants division, presided and introduced Jack Horner, who until recently had been for 12 years business manager of the Long Beach Retail Merchants, Associated. Paget said he had asked Horner to come over and give Torrance merchants a run-down of the experience Long Beach merchants had had with parking meters and other methods used in Long Beach to help solve the parking problem. Opening his remarks Horner commented that customer traffic is the only thing that pays off and that a merchant must find ways to make it convenient for customers to reach his door. Stressing the necessity of long-term planning and the acquisition of off-street parking lots, Horner stated that "the parking problem is not just one of today. Once a lot is occupied by a building it is lost for parking."

Board Studying Insurance Plan

A proposal now under study by the Board of Education, if adopted, would allow parents to take out a \$1000 accident policy on their children for \$1 per year. The policy, written by the Pilot Life Insurance Company of North Carolina, would provide protection during school hours as well as an hour before and an hour after classes.



RENDERING AID . . . Detective Captain Ernie Ashton of the Torrance Police Department, examines the unconscious form of Wayne Brown, mayor of Manhattan Beach, after the latter was slugged and robbed on Sepulveda boulevard near Hawthorne boulevard early Sunday morning. Woman is unidentified motorist. (Photo by Larry Benton).

Strike May Be Called Saturday

Power to call a strike on Saturday of AFL waitresses and bartenders working in Torrance's 40 cafes was authorized at a stop-work meeting last Monday. At a mass meeting held in Wilmington last Monday afternoon the 200 local cooks, bartenders, waiters, waitresses, dishwashers, and culinary workers voted to "leave it up to the negotiating committee" to call the strike should negotiations bog down on Friday. Some 2800 AFL workers left their jobs from 2 to 5 p.m. on Monday to attend the meeting.

'NOT A STRIKE VOTE'

Mrs. Kitty Howard, secretary of the Culinary and Hotel Workers Union, Local 754, said the vote "was definitely not a strike vote." "We do not want to go out any more than the cafe and bar owners would want us to go out on strike," she told the Herald yesterday. "Our members have had no raise since 1946. We realize that the Harbor Tavern and Cafe Owners Association can not grant any more than the 10 percent allowed by the Wage Stabilization Board. But, what we are asking in effect, is for an agreement with the association that they will go with us to the Board and ask them to allow the increases we have asked of the association."

RAISES ASKED

The three unions, the Culinary Workers, the Bartenders Union, Local 591, and the Waitresses Union, Local 512, are seeking \$2-a-day raises for waitresses and \$4-a-day for bartenders. Waitresses currently receive \$5.50 per day, bartenders, \$12 per day. The Culinary Union official denied that they were seeking any change in the five-day work week or additional overtime pay. She stated they were asking the Association and the Independent Cafe Owners to increase their insurance participation.

INSURANCE UP

"Insurance has gone up, for (Continued on Page 3)



PRINT HUNTING . . . Market Owner Bob Klink (left) watches Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett as the local police officer attempts to lift a print from the glass case in the Klink's Cabrillo Mart. The market was burglarized of nearly \$500 in groceries and meats.

Manhattan Mayor Reported 'Good' After Slugging

Reported in "good condition" at the Harbor General Hospital yesterday was Mayor W. Wayne Brown of Manhattan Beach, who was found lying spread eagle on a Torrance highway last Sunday after he was slugged and robbed by a pair of highway decoy thugs. The 49-year-old accountant suffered a cerebral concussion at the back of his skull, according to a report from the hospital. He remained unconscious for more than 12 hours.

PIECE STORY TOGETHER

Torrance police investigating the attack, which took place on Sepulveda boulevard near Hawthorne boulevard, pieced together this account of the incident. Brown said that he was out in search of a store in which to buy ice cream for an American Legion party he was attending in Redondo Beach. He was flagged down by two motorists who asked if he had a jack. Brown told police he was hit as he attempted to get a jack from the trunk of his auto. He was found at 2:50 a.m. lying in the street by Gerald Tuller of Gardena Grove.

WALLET MISSING

Missing, according to the city official, was his wallet containing approximately \$30 in cash. Torrance Police Officer Merwyn Porter and Bruce Gooler reported they found Brown's car headed into a palm tree with a wrong key jammed into the switch. His city councilman's badge lay on the road near his body.

Flight Strip Quiz Shows Little 'Buzz'

A door-to-door survey by state officials of homes east of the Lomita flight strip was continuing today in an attempt to wind up for once and for all the reported "buzzing" problem in West Lomita.

State Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and Robert Byrne, a State Aeronautics commissioner, are calling on residents throughout the area in an attempt to learn if the low-flying complaints are justified. To date, Thomas reports that only very few people have been consistent.

BEACH PARTY

While peace talks between the Reds and the Allies continue, these Torrance boys from the 578th Combat Engineers, Company A, practice an amphibious landing at Chigasaki Beach near Yokohama, Japan. The local company is part of the 160th Regimental Combat team and was stationed at Camp Haugen, near Hachinohe, prior to the exercises. After the landing of personnel and heavy equipment the company left for Camp McNair on the slopes of Mt. Fuji in Central Honshu for further field training.

Hungry Burglars Cart Away \$500 In Market Goods

Burglars, apparently hungry and thirsty, drilled their way into the Klink's Cabrillo Mart, 2323 Cabrillo avenue, Sunday night and stole nearly \$500 in groceries.

The robbery was discovered by a bread deliveryman, who notified owner J. R. "Bob" Klink Jr. Missing were all the Tbones, sirloins and chops from the meat case. Seven wire baskets, presumably used to cart away loads of groceries, were also missing.

Gone from a cash box were 25 silver dollars, Klink said. Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett said that the burglars, apparently working up a thirst during the task of carting out the groceries, opened a soft drink which he found at the scene. Entrance to the market was gained by drilling holes in the rear door.